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Re: FCC Docket # 16-399 Before the Federal Communications
Commission: In the Matter of: SECTION 214 APPLICATION(S) TO
DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC NON-DOMINANT CARRIER
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Dear FCC Commissioners,

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I am asking you not to pass Docket # 16-399, which may be a forerunner of what gets rolled out nationwide, irrespective of health impacts and rural area reality, including topography and other serious concerns. Our copper telecom network has proven largely functional in times of duress, and is especially useful to the elderly and rural areas that are difficult to cover with wireless systems. Rural and urban areas have been served well with backbone copper and fiberoptic lines (which should be preserved and maintained as a backup and as security for wireless systems).

More specifically, I am writing you to continue to regulate for maintenance of this tried and true to the doorstep wireline and fiberoptic systems for health, public safety, environmental concerns as well as consumer choice issues, *especially* at a time of heightened hacking and international espionage disruptions during which portions of our nation could be left with massive communications blackout and dysfunction, and especially for use by elderly and less advantaged populations.

I have attended telecommunications conferences at which experts

(including Dr. Joel Moskowitz from Berkeley) have testified to health and safety harms as well as technology advances. Further, I am aware of work by the United Nations and World Health Organization to coordinate their classifications of both low frequency electromagnetic fields (EMFs) and RF as 2B carcinogens in a manner that would strengthen WHO's own standards recommendations. Lastly, I have observed local telephone pole infrastructure being heightened, presumably to prematurely accommodate the new small cell and DAS

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5G systems, lacking robust health and environment assessments. I also am among those who have already experienced health effects from invisible wifi and combinations of other telecom rf signals which European scientists have studied and been warning about for years. Many foreign policymakers and school administrators have heeded these scientists' warnings to protect their schoolchildren and populations.

The US should not compromise the robustness of its telecom infrastructure nor its citizens' health, in addition to ecosystem impacts as well. I urge you not to adopt Docket #16-399 at this time. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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CC: Senator Chris Murphy
Senator Richard Blumenthal